corpse He ex?mmed them both, and, caasms himse% to be meab ared, ga\ e order for their perfecting

Some days before he died he summonea the Prince and me Infanta to his presence and gave them his blessing in words of affection, exhorting them to govern their subjects w*ih Ic\e, to administer justice impartially, and to support and defend religion and the Catholic faith with all their might He gave the Pnnce two sealed packets, mstracting him to open them only after his death, and charging him to read, stud- and observe what was written therein as they \\oold prove of the highest value to him Also, that his wishes might be the more surely observed, the King placed in the Prnce s service all his favo ante ministers, causing the Prince himself to nominate them, thereby pledgmg himself not to dismiss them without necessary and good reason During his illness he is said to have spent more than 700,000 crowns in gifts and in discharge of his conscience

A few davs later, in changing his bed, the King had such a sinking that for a winle they thought him dead, but he recovered somewhat and they administered extreme unction. Though %ery feeble he had his memory perfect and asLed for the cross which his father held \\hen he was dying Moreover he sent for the Prince and told him to remain that he might contem- plate this example of earthly misery, exhorting him never to forget, when he had entered on his Kingdom, that he too must come to a liLe pass and must die The Prince brake forth into weeping, but the King continued to speak calmlv in most Christian spirit

He died on I3th September at daybreak, having received all the sacraments of the Church with every sign of devoutness,

piety, and religion, and to the apparent grief of all people, nch and poor His death was announced that night, and there-upon began the funeral ceremonies, which were for nine days with continuous prayer and the tolling of bells that never ceased day nor night. He was buned the next day without an} of the usual ceremonies and by his own orders without embalming When the corpse had been laid in the leaden coffin the whole Council of State was summoned to witness, then the coffin was locked and the key taken to the King